

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.85 (ELECTIONS) BY ADDING SECTION 2.85.080 (SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATE ELECTIONS) THEREBY SPECIFYING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR NOMINATION PETITIONS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ANY ORDINANCE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES OR CODE PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Legislature has in A.R.S. § 16-322(A)(8) provided an alternative method of calculation of number of signatures required on nomination petitions for the offices of mayor and council at a city nonpartisan election; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sedona ("City") has consolidated its elections with the State election cycle as required by ARS §16-204 resulting in a potential significant increase in the number of signatures required on nomination petitions for City elections; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the adoption of the alternative allowed by State law may increase candidate participation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDONA:

Section 1: Amendment of Sedona City Code Chapter 2.85

Chapter 2.85 of the Sedona City Code is hereby amended by adding the following section:

Section 2.85.080: Signature Requirements for Candidate Elections

The number of signatures required on nomination petitions for a candidate for the office of mayor or council shall be one-thousand (1,000) signatures or at least five (5) percent but not more than ten (10) percent of the vote for mayor in the last preceding election at which a mayor was elected, whichever is less.

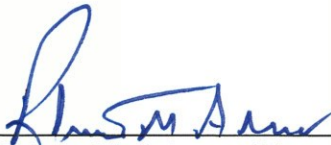
Section 2. Savings Clause

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Repeal

All other code provisions, ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict as of the effective date hereof.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sedona,
Arizona this 22nd day of October, 2013.



Robert M. Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan L. Irvine, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Mike Goimarac, City Attorney